IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with <u>underlining</u> and deleted text with <u>strikethrough</u>. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 12, 19, and 20 and ADD new claim 21 in accordance with the following:

- 1. (CANCELED) 2. (CANCELED) 3. (CANCELED) 4. (CANCELED) 5. (CANCELED) 6. (CANCELED) 7. (CANCELED) 8. (CANCELED) 9. (CANCELED) 10. (CANCELED) 11. (CANCELED)
- 12. (currently amended) A method for updating privileges for access to an information system, comprising:

periodically validating access privileges based on contractual relationship

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information between at least two parties comparing user login information with contractual information concerning the user wherein said contractual information is included in an eligibility database;

providing information pertaining to the contractual information to the user when said comparing results in a match; and

deleting login data or creating login data according to said-validating comparing.

- 13. (previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein said validating includes matching a login data item to the contractual relationship information.
- 14. (previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the contractual relationship information is included within an eligibility database.
- 15. (previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein said validating access privileges includes updating a datapage.
- 16. (previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein said validating includes cross-referencing eligibility information with security information.
- 17. (previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein said validating includes matching business rules to user login information.
- 18. (previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein said validating includes periodically validating access privileges based on contractual relationship information wherein said access privileges define at least one of a program type, data item type, feature type, and menu option type.
- 19. (currently amended) A method for updating privileges for access to an information system, comprising:

periodically validating access privileges based on contractual relationship information between at least two parties comparing user login information with contractual information concerning the user wherein said contractual information is included in an eligibility database;

providing information pertaining to the contractual information to the user when

said comparing results in a match; and

creating login data independent of an attempt to access information in the system.

20. (currently amended) A method for updating privileges for access to an information system, comprising:

comparing user login data with contractual information between at least two parties an information system provider and a user to determine system access privileges; and creating or deleting login data based on said comparing.

21. (new) A method for updating privileges for access to an information system, comprising:

comparing user login information with contractual information concerning the user; and

providing information pertaining to the contractual information wherein said information is provided to the user when said comparing results in a match.